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SUBJECT: JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES CONTINUING COURT FIGHT FOR RECOGNITION

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1. WITNESSES' APPEAL AGAINST DECREE BANNING THEIR ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA IS STILL IN PROCESS IN COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE. ATTORNEY MARCELO FABRIZ TOLD EMOBOFF NOV. 8 THAT HE EXPECTS LOWER COURT DECISION IN NEXT WEEK OR TWO, AND EXPECTS THAT IT WILL BE NEGATIVE FOR WITNESSES. IN THAT CASE WITNESSES WILL APPEAL TO NEXT LEVEL, AND UP TO SUPREME COURT IF NECESSARY. IN UNLIKELY EVENT DECISION OF LOWER COURT IS FAVORABLE FOR WITNESSES, FABRIZ EXPECTS GOA WILL APPEAL IMMEDIATELY.

2. IN MEANTIME, DECREE BANNING WITNESSES ACTIVITIES IS BEING RIGOROUSLY ENFORCED. EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN ASKED FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE. ARGENTINE WITNESSES LEADERS EISENHOWER AND DEAN ARE AT PRESENT IN U.S., APPARENTLY CONSULTING WITH LEADERSHIP OF WITNESSES THERE. CHAPLIN

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